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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Stephen Wainwright, DOB 8/26/46, of 3514 Richard Street, Madison, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to distribution of child pornography.

On October 23, 2005, officers from the Madison Police Department and agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed a search warrant at Wainwright's residence as part of Operation Predator, a national initiative to capture individuals using the internet to collect and distribute child pornography. A subsequent forensic analysis of Wainwright's computer revealed that he distributed child pornography over the internet on May 11, 2004.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for July 19, 2006. Wainwright faces a mandatory minimum 15 years in prison with a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and lifetime supervised release.

The charges against Wainwright were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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